NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

and

NOTICE OF FILING OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS regarding

Proposed Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins to De-Designate Four Beneficial Uses for Old Alamo Creek, Solano County

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) to dedesignate four beneficial uses for Old Alamo Creek in Solano County. As part of amending the Basin Plan, the Regional Board will consider approving the draft "functionally equivalent" environmental documents prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3775-3782. After hearing testimony, the Regional Board may choose to act on the proposed amendments or the Regional Board may choose to close the hearing and to take final action at the next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 2005. The public hearing, to be conducted during the April Regional Board meeting, is scheduled at the time and location noted below:

Date: 28 or 29 April 2005 (please contact staff 2 weeks prior for exact date and

place)

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Cal EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95812

or

Regional Water Quality Control Board office, 11020 Sun Center Drive,

Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Staff is proposing that the Regional Board consider dedesignating the following beneficial uses for Old Alamo Creek: cold freshwater habitat (COLD); migration of aquatic organisms (MIGR); spawning, reproduction, and/or early development (SPWN); and municipal and domestic supply (MUN). A draft staff report, which contains an environmental analysis required under CEQA, has been prepared for the proposed amendment. The draft report concludes that the amendments will have no significant environmental impacts.

The draft staff report may be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or ethayer@waterboards.ca.gov. The draft staff report is also available for downloading in PDF format from our website at:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/basin_plans/OldAlamoCreek.html}$

In order to be included in the written response to comments that is a part of the final administrative record, written comments should be submitted by **13 April 2005** to

Elizabeth Thayer, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. At the hearing on either 28 or 29 April 2005, staff will summarize the written comments and present a final recommendation for Regional Board consideration. Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Regional Board at the hearing, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Confirmation of the hearing date and any questions regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Elizabeth Thayer at (916) 464-4671 or ethayer@waterboards.ca.gov. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

/s/
KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

9 March 2005